

F 1 mating edge configured to lie adjacent a peripheral mating edge of the second part when the first and second trim parts are supported adjacent one another and wherein said first and second trim parts are not in contact and are not adhered to one another;

forming a recess having an undercut portion in the peripheral mating edge of the first trim part after providing the first trim part;

providing buffer material in the recess and overfilling said recess so as to provide a bead of buffer material on the peripheral mating edge of the first trim part;

allowing the bead to mechanically connect to the first trim part by hardening of the buffer material within the recess; and

supporting the first and second trim parts adjacent one another with the second trim part contacting the bead of buffer material such that the bead is compressed between the first and second trim parts.

7. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 in which the step of providing buffer material includes the steps of:

F 2 providing a robot operatively connected to an applicator;

connecting a source of buffer material to the applicator, the buffer material being in fluid communication with the applicator; and

operating the robot to move the applicator in spaced generally parallel relationship with the peripheral mating edge of the first trim part while projecting buffer material into the recess and onto the mating edge of the first trim part.

F 3 11. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 including the additional step of locating the second trim part in an opening in the first trim part, the mating edges